# ARTICLES TO BE ENQVIRED OF IN THE DIOCESSE OF CARLILE, in the Visitation of the Reuerend Father in God, Francis, Lord Bishop of Carlile.

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# The forme of the Oath to be miniſtred vnto the Church-wardens and Side-men.

*YOu ſhall ſweare, that you, and euery of you, ſhall duely conſider, and diligently enquire of all and euery of theſe Articles giuen you in charge; and that all affection, fauour, hope of reward and gaine, or feare of diſpleaſure, or malice ſet aſide, you ſhall preſent all and euery ſuch perſon of or within your Pariſh, as hath committed any offence, or made any default mentioned in theſe, or any of theſe Articles; or which are vehemently ſuſpected or defamed of any ſuch offence or default: Wherein you ſhal deale vprightly and fully; neither preſenting, nor ſparing to preſent any, contrarie to truth: hauing in this action God before your eyes, with an earneſt zeale to maintaine truth and vertue, and to ſuppreſſe vice. So helpe you God, and the holy contents of this Booke.*

# ARTICLES TO BE ENquired of in the Dioceſſe of Carlile, ANNO DOM.

*Articles concerning Religion and Doctrine.* *Titul.* 1.

1 WHether bee there any abiding in, or reſorting to your Pariſh, that haue wilfully maintained and defended any hereſies, errors, or falſe opinions, contrary to the faith of Chriſt, and holy Scripture? Hereticall opinions.

2 *Item*, Whether doth any in your Pariſh, being 16. yeers of age or vpwards, or others lodging, or commonly reſorting to any houſe in your pariſh, wilfully abſent themſelues from your pariſh Church, Chappell, or Oratorie, vpon Sundayes and holidaies, and other daies appointed, at Morning and Euening prayers? Or who come late to Church and depart from Church before diuine Seruice and Sermon be ended? Or whether be there any, that perſwade others to forbeare or abſtaine comming to Church, to heare diuine Seruice, and receiue the holy Communion according to his Maieſties lawes in that behalfe enacted? Abſence from Church.

3 *Item*, Whether be there any in your pariſh, that hath beene, or is vehemently ſuſpected to haue beene preſent at any vnlawfull aſſemblies, conuenticles, or meetings, vnder colour or pretence of any exerciſe of Religion; or doth any affirme and maintaine ſuch meetings to be lawfull, contrarie to his Maieſties ſtatutes in that behalfe? Vnlawfull conuenticles.

4 *Item*, Whether be there any within your pariſh, that deny, or perſwade any to deny, withſtand and impugne the Kings Maieſties authority and Supremacie in cauſes Eccleſiaſticall within his Realme? Impugners of the Kings Supremacie.

5 *Item*, Whether be there any abiding in, or reſorting to your pariſh, that be, or are commonly reputed or taken to bee Recuſant Papiſts, Popiſh Recuſants.

piſts, refuſing to repaire to the Church to heare diuine Seruice, and receiue the holy Communion, and being diſobedient to his Highneſſe Lawes in that behalfe prouided? Or doe any publiſh, ſell, or diſperſe any ſuperſtitious books or writings; or other books, libels, or writings of any lectuaries, touching the Religion, State, or Eccleſiaſticall gouernment of this Kingdome of England? Preſent their names, qualities and conditions. Doth any Papiſt keepe a Schoolemaſter in his houſe, which commeth not to Church, as is required? What is his name, and how long hath he taught there or elſe-where?

*Titul.* 2.

## *Articles concerning Publique Prayer and Adminiſtration of the Sacraments.*

Depraying the Booke of common Prayer, & Ceremonies.

FIrſt, Whether hath any of your pariſh ſpoken, or declared any thing in the derogation, or deprauing of the forme of Gods Worſhip in the Church of England, & Adminiſtration of the Sacraments, Rites and Ceremonies, ſet forth and preſcribed in the Booke of Common Prayer, by the Kings Maieſtie authoriſed and confirmed? Doe any preach, ſpeake, or declare, that it containeth any thing which is not agreeable to the holy Scriptures?

Perſwading any Miniſter to alter the forme of common Prayer.

2 *Item*, Whether hath any in your pariſh cauſed, procured, or maintained any Miniſter to ſay any common or publike prayer, or to adminiſter either of the Sacraments of Baptiſme and the Lords Supper, otherwiſe, or in any other manner and forme, then is mentioned in the ſaid book of Common Prayer: Or whether hath any interrupted, hindred, let, or diſturbed the Miniſter to reade diuine Seruice, and adminiſter the Sacraments, in ſuch manner and forme as is mentioned in the ſaid booke, or interrupted him in his preaching and Sermons?

Obſeruation of the forme of Baptiſme, and Croſſe.

3 *Item*, Whether is the Sacrament of Baptiſme rightly and duly adminiſtred, according to the preſcript Forme expreſſed in the booke of Common Prayer, with due obſeruations of all Rites and Ceremonies preſcribed in the adminiſtration of the ſame, without adding, or altering any part or parcell of any prayers, interrogatories, or not vſing the ſigne of the Croſſe in the adminiſtration of the ſame?

Children refuſed to be baptized, or dying without Baptiſme.

4 *Item*, Whether is the Sacrament of Baptiſme refuſed to bee adminiſtred to any children borne in or out of wedlocke, their birth being made knowne vnto the Miniſter of the pariſh, and offered to him to be baptized; or haue any ſuch children dyed vn-baptized?

Parents of children admitted Godfathers.

5 *Item*, Whether be the Parents of any child to bee baptized, admitted to be Godfathers and Godmothers to the ſame?

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6 *Item*, Whether haue there any children beene baptized in priuate houſes, by any Lay perſon, or Midwife, or Popiſh Prieſt, or by any other Miniſter, but vpon vrgent occaſion, when the child was in danger of death? Priuate b tiſme.

7 *Item*, Whether haue the children which haue beene borne to any Popiſh Recuſants, or begotten by them in your pariſh, beene publikely baptized in your pariſh Church, by your Parſon, Vicar, or Curate; or by whom were they baptized, or where to your knowledge? Baptizing Papiſts ch dren.

8 *Item*, Whether hath the bleſſed Sacrament of the Lords Supper beene duely and reuerently adminiſtred euery moneth, or thrice euery yeere at leaſt, whereof once at Eaſter, within your pariſh Church, to euery pariſhioner being of ſixteene yeeres of age, or vpwards? Receiuing the Lords S per thrice yeere.

9 *Item*, Whether is the ſaid holy Sacrament deliuered vnto, or receiued by any of the Communicants within your pariſh, that vnreuerently ſit or ſtand, or doe not deuoutly and humbly kneele vpon their knees? Kneeling the Comm nion.

10 *Item*, Whether hath any of your pariſh, which bee openly knowne to liue in notorious ſinne without repentance, or excommunicate perſons, or Schiſmaticks, common and notorious deprauers of the Religion and gouernment of this Realme, without vnfaigned ſorrow ſhowne for their impiety and wickedneſſe, beene admitted to be partaker of the ſaid holy Communion? Notorious fenders ad mitted to t Communi

11 *Item*, Whether hath any of your pariſh beene debarred from the ſaid holy Communion, without iuſt cauſe, and without intimation firſt giuen to the Ordinary or Biſhop of the Dioceſſe: and by whoſe default? Debarring thers with cauſe.

## *Articles concerning the Church, the Ornaments thereof, and the Churches Poſſeſſions.* *Titul. 3.*

FIrſt, Whether haue you in your Church or Chappell, the whole Bible of the largeſt Volumne, and of the laſt tranſlation, the booke of Common Prayer, lately ſet forth by his Maieſties authoritie, the two bookes of Homilies, and Biſhop Iewels Apologie, all well and fairely bound: a Font of ſtone ſet vp in the ancient vſuall place: A conuenient and decent Communion Table, with a Carpet of ſilke or ſome other decent ſtuffe, continually laid vpon the Table at time of diuine Seruice, and a faire linnen cloath at the time of adminiſtring the Communion: And whether is the ſame Table placed conueni- Books and naments i the Church Abuſing of Communi Table.

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ently as it ought: And whether is it so vsed in or out of time of diuine Seruice or Sermon, as is not agreeable to the holy vse of it; as by sitting on it, and by throwing hats on it, or writing on it; or is it abused to other prophaner vses? Are the tenne commandements set vpon the East end of your Church, with other sentences of Scripture about?

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2 *Item*, Whether haue you in your said Church or Chappell, a conuenient seate for your Minister to reade diuine Seruice in, together with a comely Pulpit set vp in a conuenient place, with a decent cloth or Cushion for the same; a comely, large and fine Surplice; a faire Communion Cup, a Flagon of Siluer or Pewter, with all other things and ornaments necessary for the celebration of diuine Seruice, and administration of the Sacraments: and whether haue you a Chest for Almes, with three locks and keyes, and another Chest for keeping the Bookes and Ornaments of the Church, and the Register Booke? Haue you a Register Booke in Parchment, for Christenings, Weddings, and burials, and is the same kept in all points according to the Canons? And haue you a Table set in your Church, of the degrees wherein by law men are prohibited to marry?

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3 *Item*, Whether is your Church or Chappell, with the Chauncell thereof, and your Parsonage or Vicarage house, in good reparations; if any be ruinated and wasted, in whom is the default? Is your Church, Chancell and Chappell, decently and comely kept, as well within as without; and be the seates well maintained, the Steeple and Bells preserued; the windowes well glazed; the floore kept paued, plaine and euen, and all things in orderly and decent sort, without dust, or any thing that may be either noysome or vnseemely for the house of God, as is prescribed in the 85. Canon?

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4 *Item*, Whether be your Churchyards well fenced, and kept without abuse; if not, whose default is it: hath any person encroached vpon the ground of the Churchyard: Hath any vsed a place consecrated to holy vse prophanely or wickedly: haue any quarrelled or stricken another in Church or Churchyard: haue any annoyed your Churchyard, or the fence thereof, by putting in of Cattell, by hanging of clothes, or by laying there any dust, dung, or other filthinesse?

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5 *Item*, whether is your Church full, or vacant of an incumbent; if vacant, who receiueth the fruits thereof, and who serueth the Cure, and by what authoritie? And whether is it a Parsonage, Vicaridge, or Donatiue, or Appropriation?

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6 *Item*, What legacies haue beene giuen to the vse and benefit of your

your Church; how haue they beene bestowed; who receiued them, and detaineth them without due imployment? Doth any detaine or embezell any of the Church goods, or any other gifts giuen to charitable vses?

7 *Item*, Whether hath any in your parish defaced, or caused to bee defaced, any monuments or ornaments in your Church? Defacing of seemely ornaments.

8 *Item*, Whether hath any Popish Recusant, being lawfully excommunicated, beene enterred or buried in your Church or Churchyard, before absolution of that censure and excommunication? If yea, then by whom and when? Burying of Popish Recusants.

9 *Item*, Whether be not the profits, tithes, and other commodities Ecclesiasticall, impiously and wickedly, to the dishonour of Almighty God, and preiudice of the sacred Ministerie, conuerted to the vse and benefit of couetous Patrons, and by them receiued and detained, and how long haue they beene so vsed to your knowledge? Alienation of tithes and profits of the Church.

10 *Item*, Whether haue you the Terrier of all the gleab-lands, meadows, gardens, orchyards, houses, stocks, implements, tenements, and portions of tithes (whether within your parish or without) belonging to your Parsonage or Vicaridge, taken by the view of honest men in your said parish; and whether the said Terrier be laid vp in the Bishops Registrie, and in whose hands are any of them now? And if you haue no Terrier already made in Parchment, you the Church-wardens and Side-men, together with your Parson or Vicar, or in his absence, your Curate, are to make diligent enquiry, and presentment of the premises, and make, subscribe, and signe the said Terrier, as aforesaid. A Terrier of Glebe lands and other possessions the Church.

*Articles concerning Ministers, and Preachers of Gods holy Word.* *Titul.* 4.

FIrst, Whether is your Minister, Parson, Vicar, or Curate, a graduate in either of the Vniuersities, or no: if yea, then of what degree? Is hee a publike Preacher of Gods word, and by whom is hee so licensed? Degrees of Ministers.

2 *Item*, Whether doth your Minister distinctly, and reuerently say Diuine Seruice vpon Sundayes and Holidayes, & other dayes appointed to be obserued by the booke of Common Prayer, as Wednesdaies and Fridaies, and the Eues of euery Sunday and Holiday, at fit and vsuall times? And doth your Minister duly obserue the orders, Rites, and Ceremonies prescribed in the said Booke of Common Prayer, as well in reading all publique praiers, and the Letanie, as also in administring the Sacraments, solemnization of Matrimonie, visitation of Obseruation of the forme and time of comon prayer and Sacraments.

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the ſicke, burying the dead, churching of women, and all other like Rites and offices of the Church, in ſuch maner & forme, as in the ſaid booke of common prayer is enioyned, without omiſsion or addition of any thing: And doth he read the Booke of the laſt Canons yeerely?

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3 *Item*, whether doth your Miniſter, both morning and euening, reading diuine Seruice, and adminiſtring the Sacraments, and other Rites of the Church, weare the Surplice, according to the Canons: And doth he neuer omit wearing of the ſame at ſuch times?

bſeruation Rites.

4 *Item*, Whether doth your Miniſter bid holidayes and faſting-daies, as is appointed? Doth he adminiſter the holy Cómunion euery moneth; or thrice in the yere at leaſt, whereof once at Eaſter, to euery pariſhioner: doth he receiue the ſame himſelfe on euery day that hee adminiſtreth it to others, and vſeth the words of Inſtitution according to the booke, without alteration, at euery time that the bread and wine is renewed? Doth he vſe and neuer omit the ſigne of the Croſſe in baptiſme, or doth he euer baptize in any Baſon or other thing but the vſuall Font? Doth he marry without a Ring, or in times prohibited, or without the banes thrice publiſhed, without a ſpeciall Licence from the Arch-biſhop, or Biſhop of the Dioceſſe, or his Chancellor, firſt had and obtained?

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5 *Item*, Whether is your Miniſter a Preacher licenſed or no? If no, whether doth he take vpon him, in his own Cure, or elſe-where, to expound any Scripture or matter of doctrine, and doth not keepe himſelfe to the reading of Homilies publiſhed by Authoritie? And if he be licenſed, doth he preach vſually according to the 45. Canon, in his owne cure, or ſome other neighbour Church, where no Preacher is: doth he preach ſtanding, and with his hat off? Or whether doth hee or his Curate, vpon euery Sunday when there is no Sermon, reade an Homily, or ſome part thereof, according as hee ought to doe?

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6 *Item*, Whether doth your Miniſter publiſh in his Sermon any doctrine which is new and ſtrange, and diſagreeing from the Word of God, and from the Articles of Chriſtian faith and religion, agreed on and publiſhed, *Ann. Dom.* 1562. or whether doe they teach any thing, which they would haue the people religiouſly to obſerue and beleeue, but that which is agreeable to the Scriptures, and that which the Catholike Fathers and ancient Biſhops haue gathered out of that doctrine, according to the Canon?

Names of rangers to e taken.

7 *Item*, Whether are any Miniſters admitted to preach in your Church, who doe not, before the Churchwardens, ſubſcribe their

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names in your booke for that purpose, the day when hee preached, and the name of the Bishop of whom he had licence to preach? And is any one admitted to preach, before he sheweth his licence?

8 *Item*, Doth any Preacher in your Pulpit particularly impugne and confute any doctrine deliuered by others his fellow Preachers, before he hath acquainted the Bishop of the Diocesse therewith, and receiued order from him, what to doe in that case? Opposition of Preachers in their Sermons.

9 *Item*, Doth your Minister vse alwayes to pray for the Kings Maiestie, the Queene, Clergie, Councell, &c. giuing them their full titles, as in the Canon is required? Praying for his Maiestie, &c.

10 *Item*, Whether is your Minister resident vpon his Benefice, or absent; if absent, by whom is the Cure serued, the fruits receiued? Doth your Minister or Curate serue any more Cures then one? If yea, then what other Cure doth he serue, and how farre are they distant? Non residence of the Ministe

11 *Item*, Whether doth he catechize the youth of his parish vpon Sundaies and holidaies before Euening prayer, for halfe an houre, or more, in the Catechisme set forth in the booke of common prayer: and whether doe all the parishioners diligently attend his catechizing? and who refuse to send their children and seruants to be catechized by him? Catechizing.

12 *Item*, Doth your Minister carefully looke to the relieſe of the poore, and from time to time call vpon his parishioners, to giue somewhat according to their ability, to godly and charitable vses, especially when they make their wills? Ministers to call for relief of the poore, and almes-deeds.

13 *Item*, whether is your Minister suspected or knowne to haue obtained his Benefice, or spirituall promotion, by any symoniacall compact, directly or indirectly? Symonie.

14 *Item*, Whether doth your Minister demise the profits of his Benefice to any Lay-man, aboue one yeere, and is not resident there; & keepeth no hospitality vpon his Benefice being of sufficient value? Demising of Benefices.

15 *Item*, Doth your Minister, in the Rogation dayes, goe in perambulation of the circuit of the parish, saying and vsing the prayers, suffrages, and thanksgiuing to God, appointed by law, according to his dutie, thanking God for his blessings, and praying for his grace and fauour? Obseruing of Rogation weeke.

16 *Item*, What Curates or Preachers doe reade prayers, or administer the Sacraments in your parish, without lawfull licence from the Bishop of the Diocesse, vnder his hand and seale, according to the Canon: or doth any Lay-man, not hauing holy orders, presume to reade publike prayers in the Church? Curates not licensed, and Lay-men doing offices of Minister.

Lecturers and Preachers to read Seruice.

17 *Item*, Whether haue you any Preacher or Lecturer in your parish, and whether (if any such be) he doth twice at the least euery yere reade himselfe diuine Seruice both morning and euening two seueral Sundaies publikely in his Surplice; and also twice in the yeere administer both the Sacraments, with such rites and ceremonies as are prescribed in the book of commom prayer, according to the 56. Canon?

Conuersation of the Minister.

18 *Item*, Whether is your Minister studious in the holy Scriptures, and abstaineth from mechanicall trades, or labour not befitting his function, and from apparell vnseemely for his calling, and from gaming, swearing and drunkennes, or such notorious crimes: or is there any in your parish, who hauing beene admitted into holy orders, either Deacon or Minister, doth relinquish and forsake his calling, and liueth in the course of his life as a Lay-man?

Ministers forsaking their calling.

Ministers reuealing priuate confessions.

19 *Item*, Whether doth your Minister before the seuerall times of the administration of the Lords Supper, admonish and exhort his parishioners, if they haue their consciences troubled and disquieted, to resort vnto him, or some other learned Minister, and open his griefe, that he may receiue such ghostly counsell and comfort, as his conscience may be relieued, and by the Minister he may receiue the benefit of absolution, to the quiet of his conscience, and auoyding of the scruple; And if any man confesse his secret & hidden sinnes, being sick or whole, to the Minister, for the vnburthening of his conscience, and receiuing such spirituall consolation, doth or hath the said Minister at any time reuealed and made knowne to any person whatsoeuer, any crime or offence so committed to his trust and secrecie, contrary to the 113. Canon?

*Articles concerning Matrimony.*

*Titul.* 5. Marriage within Leuiticall degrees.

FIrst, Whether be there any in your parish, that haue married within the degrees of affinity or consanguinity by the Law of God forbidden? If any, what be they?

Priuate marriage, and without consent of parents.

2 *Item*, Whether haue any beene married secretly in priuate houses, or without their parents or gouernours consent signified, being vnder the age of 21. yeeres?

Married persons liuing apart.

3 *Item*, Whether doe any persons lawfully married, liue asunder vnlawfully, and in whom is the default?

Marriage without banes and licence.

4 *Item*, Whether any persons (the banes beeing not thrice published in the Church) haue beene married without licence; who were present at such marriages, and what Minister married them?

Persons married out of their Parishes.

5 *Item*, Whether any persons by licence or without, haue bin married in your parish Church, neither of them at that time dwelling in your said parish?

6 *Item*,

6 *Item*, What Popish Recusants or their children haue beene married in your Parish, in what sort was that matrimonie solemnized; when, and by whom? Recusants marriage.

7 *Item*, Is there any in your Parish, that is voyced, noted, and credibly reported and accused to haue two wiues liuing, or two husbands? Bigamy.

*Articles concerning the Churchwardens.* *Titul. 6.*

FIrst, Whether be the Churchwardens chosen by the Minister and Parishioners, according to the 89. Canon; and whether hath any taken vpon him to be Church-warden, being not so chosen: or hath any continued aboue one yeere in his office without a new choice? Election of Churchwardens.

2 *Item*, Whether haue any Churchwardens detained any of the Church goods, and not made a iust account of what they haue receiued and expended? Churchwardens due account.

3 *Item*, Haue they beene, and are they diligent in their office, to see decencie kept in the Church, and order in the time of Common Prayer, and administration of the Sacraments, and that there bee no disturbance, but soberneſſe and quietneſſe in the Church? Churchwardens diligent in the Church.

*Articles concerning the Parishioners.* *Titul. 7.*

FIrst, Whether doe any in your Parish prophane the Sunday by vnlawfull games, drinking or tippling, especially in the time of common prayer, or Sermon: or by working, and doing the ordinary workes of their vocations and trades? Prophaning the Lords day.

2 *Item*, Is there any in your Parish, that do impugne or speake against the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England, or the lawfull vse of them; and the gouernment of this Church vnder his Maiestie by Archbishops, Bishops, and other Ecclesiasticall Officers? Impugne the Rites and gouernment of the Church.

3 *Item*, Who in your parish doe come to the Sermon only and not to diuine Seruice; and who do not reuerently behaue themselues during the time of diuine Seruice, deuoutly kneeling when the generall Confession of sinnes, the Letany, the tenne Commandements, and all Prayers and Collects are read: and vsing all duly and lowly reuerence when the blessed Name of the Lord *Iesus* is mentioned, and standing vp when the Articles of the Beliefe, the *Magnificat*, *Nunc dimittis*, the *Te Deum*, *Benedictus*, and *Gloria Patri*, &c. are read, or who doe couer their heads in the Church, during the whole time of diuine Seruice, vnlesse it be in case of necessity; in which case they may weare a nightcap? Or who do giue themselues to babbling, talking, or walking, and are not attentiue to heare the Word read and preached? Reuerent behauiour at diuine Seruice.

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4 *Item*, Is there any of your Pariſh, hauing a Preacher to their Miniſter, that doe abſent themſelues from his Sermons, and reſort to other places to heare other Preachers: or doe any in your Pariſh communicate, or baptize their children in any other Pariſh?

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5 *Item*, Is there any in your pariſh, that refuſe to haue their children baptized, or themſelues to receiue the Communion of your Miniſter, taking exception againſt him? or haue any wiues refuſed to come to Church, according to the Booke of Common Prayer, to giue thanks to God for their ſafe deliuerance, in a decent habit, as hath beene anciently accuſtomed?

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6 *Item*, Hath any in your pariſh ſpoken ſlanderous and reproachfull words againſt your Miniſter, to the ſcandall of his vocation; or againſt their marriage or wiues, againſt his neighbour, defaming them touching any crime of Eccleſiaſticall cognizance?

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7 *Item*, Whether doe any in your Pariſh exerciſe any trade or labour, buy or ſell, or keepe open ſhops, or ſet out any wares to be ſold, vpon Sundaies and Holidayes, by themſelues, their ſeruants, or apprentices, or haue otherwiſe prophaned the ſaid dayes?

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8 *Item*, Whether is the 5. of Auguſt, and the 5. of Nouember kept holy, and thanksgiuing made to God, according to the order ſet forth in that behalfe?

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9 *Item*, Is there any in your Pariſh, that bee, or are commonly knowne or reputed to bee blaſphemers of Gods holy Name, drunkards, adulterers, fornicators, inceſtuous perſons, concealers or harbourers of fornicators or adulterers: haue any beene detected of ſuch notorious crimes, and what penance haue they done for the ſame?

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10 *Item*, What corporall puniſhments for any ſuch offences, haue beene commuted and changed into a pecuniary mulct or ſumme of money by any Eccleſiaſticall Iudge exerciſing iuriſdiction within this Dioceſſe, by vertue of any graunt or Commiſsion; or what was the ſumme of money by them or any of them ſo receiued and taken, and to what vſes was the ſame beſtowed: or whether vpon ſome commutations, was the vnfaigned repentance of the delinquent publiſhed in the Church?

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11 *Item*, What perſon or perſons haue died & departed this mortall life, ſince the 2. day of February laſt paſt, and whether did they make any laſt wills or Teſtaments, and who were their executors, or whether died they inteſtate, and who hath the adminiſtration of their goods; and what be the names of ſuch deceaſed, and executors, and adminiſtrators.

12 *Item*, Whether haue any in your parish administred the goods of any person deceased, without lawfull authoritie, and before he or they haue proued the wil or Testament of the party deceased, or haue obtained Cómission from the Ordinary, to dispose the said mouable goods; or are there any wills vnproued, or goods not administred? Administring of goods without authority.

13 *Item*, What persons be excommunicate within your Parish, and for what cause to your knowledge: and whether do any of them repaire to the Church, in time of Prayer vnabsolued. Excommunicate persons.

*Articles concerning Schoolemasters, Physicians, and Chyrurgions, and Parish Clarks.* *Titul.* 8.

FIrst, is there any Schoolemaster in your Parish that teacheth publikely or priuately, not licensed by the Ordinarie, or the Bishop of the Diocesse? Doth hee teach any Papists or Sectaries children, that come not to Church? And doth he instruct all his schollers to learne the shorter Catechisme by the lawe established, contained in the booke of common Prayer? Is he a graduate, & sufficient to teach? Schoolemasters not licenced. Duty of all Schoolemasters.

2 *Item*, What Physician or Chyrurgion is in your parish vnlicensed, and beeing not a Doctor of Physicke in either of the Vniuersities, doth practise physike? And what ignorant persons haue left their trade, and taken vpon them to professe Physicke or Chyrurgery; and who be they that so abuse the people? Physicians not licenced.

3 *Item*, Haue you a fit parish-Clarke, aged 20. yeeres at least, of honest life, able to reade and write? Are his and the Sextons wages paid without fraud? if not, then whose default is it? by whom is hee chosen: is he diligent in his office, and seruiceable to the Minister; doth he meddle with any thing aboue his Office; doth he keepe the Church cleane, the doores locked? Is any thing lost and spoiled by his default, and doth he execute his office dulie. Parish Clarke.

*Articles concerning Ecclesiasticall offices.* *Titul.* 9.

FIrst, Whether be there any ecclesiasticall officers that exercise ecclesiastical iurisdiction within this Diocesse, that take and receiue, or exact any extraordinary and excessiue fees for any cause. Whether haue your Churchwardens and Questmen concealed any abuses or offences punishable in the Ecclesiasticall Court; and whether such offences being presented, are suppressed and vnpunished? Excessiue fees.

2 *Item*, Whether is there not a Table of Fees in euery Court of the Consistorie, Archdeacons, and Commissaries, allowed and subscribed by the Iudge and Register of the Court of Consistory, *Ann. Dom.* 1597. and the same euery Court day hung vp in some publike place of the Court and Registry? Table of fees in Courts.

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3 *Item*, Doth any Eccleſiaſticall Iudge ſpeed any act in any cauſe priuately of himſelfe, and not in preſence of ſome publike Notarie or Actuarie?

4 *Item*, Whether is there any exceſsiue number of Apparitors and Sumners in this Dioceſſe; or haue any of them, vnder pretence of authoritie, cited and ſummoned any perſon vnlawfully, or hath taken any reward for the concealing of any offence or ſinne, or the auoyding of puniſhment of the offenders; and who be they that haue done ſo; or do they take any fees not accuſtomable? haue they threatned any to proſecute them, if they had no reward? and do they ſummon any, without a Citation firſt had?

5 *Item*, Hath any Eccleſiaſticall Iudge, or Officer, Aduocate, Regiſter, Procter, Clarks, or other ſuch miniſters any way abuſed themſelues in their offices, contrary to the Law and Canons in that behalfe prouided?

6 *Item*, Laſtly, Whether haue you and euery of you, ſincerely, vprightly, and without any impartiall affection and concealing, preſented and made knowne all and euery the offenders, in any of the matters mentioned in the precedent Articles exhibited vnto you, either as they are taken in truth to be, or by common fame reported?

If you know of any other default or crime of Eccleſiaſticall cognizance, you are to preſent the ſame.

The Miniſters of euery pariſh may ioyne in preſentment with the Churchwardens and Side-men: and if they will not preſent, then the Miniſters themſelues (being the perſons that ſhould haue the chiefe care for the ſuppreſsing of ſinne and impiety in their pariſhes) may preſent the crimes aforeſaid, and ſuch things as ſhall be thought to require due reformation. *Can.* 113.

There muſt be ſeuerall preſentments made to euery ſeuerall Article.

*FINIS.*

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*Hos Articulos ſub hiſce Titulis in hac viſitatione, proponit inquirendos,*

FRANCIS. CARLIL.